# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

UNITED STATES OF AME	RICA
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Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. CIV-19-95-G

DAVID P. NEWMAN, FIRST BANK & TRUST CO., MICHAEL D. KELLY, TAMI S. ROCKWELL,

Defendants.

#### **COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff, the United States of America, through its undersigned counsel, sets forth its complaint against the defendants as follows:

- 1. This is a civil action brought by the United States to enforce federal tax liens encumbering certain real property located in Stephens County, Oklahoma and to have the proceeds from a court-ordered sale distributed to the parties in amounts determined by the Court.
- 2. This complaint has been authorized and requested by the Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service, a delegate of the Secretary of the Treasury, and is commenced at the direction of a delegate of the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 7401.
- 3. This Court has jurisdiction over this action based on 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1340, and 1345 and 26 U.S.C. § 7403(a).
- 4. Venue in this district is based on 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because David P. Newman resides in this judicial district and the real property that is a subject of this action is located in this judicial district.

- 5. The plaintiff is the United States of America.
- 6. David P. Newman resides in Duncan, Oklahoma, within this judicial district, and is the taxpayer whose property is subject to the federal tax liens discussed below.
- 7. First Bank & Trust Co. is named as a defendant, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 7403(b), because it may claim an interest in the real property at issue in this complaint.
- 8. Michael D. Kelly is named as a defendant, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 7403(b), because he may claim an interest in the real property at issue in this complaint.
- 9. Tami S. Rockwell is named as a defendant, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 7403(b), because she may claim an interest in the real property at issue in this complaint.

#### The Unpaid Tax Assessments of David P. Newman

- 10. A delegate of the Secretary of the Treasury made assessments against David P. Newman for unpaid federal income taxes, interest, and penalties on August 8, 2005 (for tax years 2001, 2003, and 2004), September 12, 2005 (for tax year 2002), July 9, 2007 (for tax year 2002), November 28, 2011 (for tax year 2008). The total amount of the assessments was \$691,787.87.
- 11. Notices of the assessments referred to in paragraph 10 and demands for payment were sent to David P. Newman on or about the dates that the assessments were made. Despite the notices and demands for payment, David P. Newman has failed or refused to pay the outstanding trust fund recovery penalties.
- 12. A delegate of the Secretary of the Treasury made assessments against David P. Newman for unpaid federal employment taxes, interest, and penalties on June 4, 2007 (for tax periods ending 06/30/2005, 12/31/2005, and 12/31/2006) and December 28, 2009 (for tax periods ending 12/31/2007, 03/31/2008, 06/30/2008, and 09/30/2008). A delegate of the Secretary of the Treasury made assessments against David P. Newman for unpaid federal

unemployment taxes, interest, and penalties on June 18, 2007 (for tax year 2005) and December 28, 2009 (for tax year 2007). A delegate of the Secretary of the Treasury made assessments against David P. Newman a civil penalty, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6721(e), for failure to file Forms W-2 with the IRS on July 12, 2010 (for tax year 2007). The total amount of the assessments was \$27,602.58.

- 13. Notices of the assessments referred to in paragraph 12 and demands for payment were sent to David P. Newman on or about the dates that the assessments were made. Despite the notices and demands for payment, David P. Newman has failed or refused to pay the outstanding trust fund recovery penalties
- 14. On August 4, 2015, the United States initiated an action to reduce to judgment the unpaid assessments made against David P. Newman, referred to in paragraphs 10 through 13. *See United States v. David P. Newman*, No. 5:15-cv-00848-F (W.D. Okla.).
- 15. On November 10, 2015, judgment was entered in favor of the United States and against David P. Newman regarding the unpaid federal income taxes, interest, and penalties made against David P. Newman, referred to in paragraphs 10 through 11, in the amount of \$1,152,966.51, plus interest on that amount accruing after November 5, 2015. *See United States v. David P. Newman*, No. 5:15-cv-00848-F (W.D. Okla.), ECF No. 7, 11/10/15.
- 16. On November 10, 2015, judgment was entered in favor of the United States and against David P. Newman regarding the unpaid federal employment taxes, unemployment taxes, and civil penalty made against David P. Newman, referred to in paragraphs 12 through 13, in the amount of \$22,892.35, plus interest on that amount accruing after November 5, 2015. *See United States v. David P. Newman*, No. 5:15-cv-00848-F (W.D. Okla.), ECF No. 7, 11/10/15.

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17. The United States incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 16.

# Subject Property #1

- 18. The United States seeks to enforce federal tax liens that arose by virtue of the assessments referred to above and that encumber the real property located at 1512 West Plato Road, Duncan, Oklahoma (Subject Property #1).
- 19. On March 28, 2000, Tami S. Rockwell, conveyed Subject Property #1 to David P. Newman by warranty deed. The warranty deed was recorded with the Stephens County Recorder on March 31, 2000. A copy of the warranty deed is attached to this complaint as Exhibit 1.
  - 20. Pursuant to the warranty deed, Subject Property #1 is legally described as follows:

SURFACE RIGHTS ONLY.
The W/2 of the NW/4 of the NE/4 of the NW/4 of Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 7 West, LM.,
Stephens County, Oklahoma.

#### Subject Property #2

- 21. The United States seeks to enforce federal tax liens that arose by virtue of the assessments referred to above and that encumber the real property located at Rural Route 4, Box 129, Duncan, Oklahoma (Subject Property #2).
- 22. On August 30, 1996, Viola Mae Newman, also known as Viola Newman, conveyed Subject Property #2 to David P. Newman by warranty deed. The warranty deed was recorded with the Stephens County Recorder on August 30, 1996. A copy of the warranty deed is attached to this complaint as Exhibit 2.
  - 23. Pursuant to the warranty deed, Subject Property #2 is legally described as follows:

### Tract 1:

SE! NE! and NE! SE! and N! SE! SE!, Section 22, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, I.M., Stephens County, Oklahoma, less and except an undivided 3/4ths interest in and to all of the oil, gas, petroleum, coal, asphalt and other minerals and mineral rights in and under and that may be produced from said lands, together with the right of ingress and egress at all times, for the purpose of mining, drilling and exploring said lands for said minerals and removing the same thereof as previously reserved heretofore; and,

#### Tract 2:

SURFACE AND SURFACE RIGHTS ONLY in and to the S1 SE1 SE1 of Section 22, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, I.M., Stephens County, Oklahoma,

The United States' Interest in the Subject Property

- 24. By virtue of the assessments referred to above, notices and demands for payment, and the failure of David P. Newman to pay, federal tax liens arose on the assessment dates described in paragraphs 10 through 13 under 26 U.S.C. §§ 6321 and 6322, and attached to all property and rights to property then belonging to and/or later acquired by David P. Newman, including the real properties described in paragraphs 18 through 23.
- 25. The IRS filed notices of federal tax liens against David P. Newman with the Stephens County Recorder on August 22, 2005 (for tax years 2001, 2003, and 2004), March 30, 2006 (civil penalty for tax year 2001), June 9, 2008 (for tax year 2002), February 24, 2012 (for tax year 2008), August 17, 2015 (for tax years 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004) (refiled notice), February 6, 2017 (tax year 2002) (refiled notice).
- 26. By reason of the foregoing, the United States is entitled to enforce its federal tax liens against the real properties described in paragraphs 18 through 23 to satisfy or partially satisfy the federal income and employment tax liabilities of David P. Newman.

WHEREFORE, the United States seeks judgment on its complaint as follows:

- (a) a determination that the federal tax liens identified in paragraph 24 are valid and subsisting liens that attached to all property and rights to property of David P.
   Newman, including the real property described in paragraphs 18 through 23;
- (b) an order that any defendant claiming an interest in the real properties described in paragraphs 18 through 23, superior to the federal tax liens described in paragraph 24, affirmatively demonstrate that interest;
- an order that the federal tax liens be enforced, that the real properties described in paragraphs 18 through 23 be sold in a judicial sale, according to law, free and clear of any right, title, lien, claim or interest of any of the above-named defendants, and that the proceeds of the sale be distributed to such parties in such amounts as this Court determines;
- (d) that the Court award the United States its costs incurred herein and grant the United States such other relief it deems just and equitable.

Dated: February 1, 2019

RICHARD E. ZUCKERMAN Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General

/s/ Richard G. Rose

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WARRANTY DEED

Statutory Form - Individual

Know All Men by These Presents:

THAT, TAMI S. ROCKWELL, A Single Person, of County, State of Azizona, party of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred Thirty Five Thousand dollars and Zero cents (5535,000,000) in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby Grant, Bargain, Sell and Convey unto DAVID P. NEWMAN of Stephens County, State of Oklahoma, party of the second part, the following described real property and premises situated in Stephens County. State of Oklahoma, to wit:

SURFACE RIGHTS ONLY.

The W/2 of the NW/4 of the NE/4 of the NW/4 of Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 7 West, I.M., Stephens County, Oklahoma.

Property Address: 1512 PLATIO ROAD, DUNCAN, Oklahoma 73533

together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and warrant the title to the same,

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said described premises unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, free, clear and discharged of and from all former grants, charges, taxes, judgments, mortgages and other liens and encumbrances of whatsoever nature.

Signed and delivered this 28 day of March, 2000.

Newman

P.O. 30/ 151 Duncan Dk 73534

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INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
Stephens County 802 50
Documentary Stamps \$\_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF ARIZONA

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State on the 28th day of March, 2000, personally appeared. TAMI S. ROCKWELL, A Single Person, to me known to be the identical party who executed the within and foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same as her free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year last above written.

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Commission Expires: 5/7/2000

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**Exhibit** 

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That VIOLA MAE NEWMAN, also known as VIOLA NEWMAN, a single person, party of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Ten and More Dollars (\$10.00) and other valuable consideration, in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto DAVID P. NEWMAN, of R/4 Box /29 party of the second part, all of his right, title and interest in and to the following described real property situated in Stephens County, State of Oklahoma, towit:

#### Tract 1:

SE! NE! and NE! SE! and N! SE! SE!, Section 22, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, I.M., Stephens County, Oklahoma, less and except an undivided 3/4ths interest in and to all of the oil, gas, petroleum, coal, asphalt and other minerals and mineral rights in and under and that may be produced from said lands, together with the right of ingress and egress at all times, for the purpose of mining, drilling and exploring said lands for said minerals and removing the same thereof as previously reserved heretofore; and,

#### Tract 2:

SURFACE AND SURFACE RIGHTS ONLY in and to the Si SEi SEi of Section 22, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, I.M., Stephens County, Oklahoma,

together with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging and warrant the title to the same.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said described premises unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, forever, free, clear and discharged of and from all former grants, charges, taxes, judgments, mortgages and other liens and encumbrances of whatsoever nature, EXCEPT easements, right of ways, zoning ordinances, oil and gas leases and restrictions previously placed of record.

Signed and delivered this 30th day of August, 1996.

VIOLA MAE NEWMAN

PO. BOX 160
DUNCAN, OK 73534

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**Exhibit** 

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Warranty Deed

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

) 88: COUNTY OF STEPHENS

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this 50 km, day of August, 1996, personally appeared VIOLA MAE NEWMAN, also known as VIOLA NEWMAN, a single person, to me known to be the identical person who subscribed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same as her free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Myweblinession expires: Jul 4, 2000

NOTARY PUBLIC

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(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) Richard G. Rose				Attorneys (If Known)						
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